

October saw the conclusion of some projects and the beginning of new ones. The sewer project on Robert and Beck Streets has been completed by Nitram Excavation. We stripped and regraded the section of Beck Street from Marie to Robert Street. It was already in bad shape and there would have been little left after all the excavation necessary for the sewer work.

We rented a cold planer on a skid steer loader for the month of October. I had a crew working with it shimming manhole covers and sunken trenches. It is my plan to repeat this process next year. In addition to smoothening out the streets, the main benefit for us is less damage to our plows.

Our paving for this season is complete. We paved a section of the Heywood Road, a section of the Garland Road, and a few patches on the Nowell Road and the Shorey Road. Both the Heywood and Garland Roads were striped. We will be on those roads next week with Fairfield's shoulder machine to fill and grade these shoulders.

Summit Natural Gas has completed their work on Route 201 in Winslow for this year. Some of the pavement is considered temporary and will be replaced in the spring.

Our annual Household Hazardous Waste collection was held on October 19, 2013, at our public works facility. We collected almost double what we collected in 2012. It was a tremendous success. Thank you to Councilor Nadeau for volunteering again this year.

Yesterday, November 5, 2013, our crews finished hauling winter sand. As you are aware, we collaborate with Waterville and Fairfield to do this together. It was a challenge this with the pipeline crews on Route 139 and our shortage of trucks. We are presently two wheelers short. One truck is at O'connors for major engine repairs and our new truck has not yet been delivered by Viking, where it is being outfitted. I expect it here next week.

On the subject of equipment repairs, our nineteen year old loader is scheduled to go out for repairs to its center hinge. It has been an expensive fall in the equipment repair budget.

Two new projects are underway. The new pump station for the Orion/Johnny's site has begun with Nitram doing some of the work and public works doing the rest. Our electrical upgrade project at the Augusta Road Pump Station is underway with Wiswell Electric doing this work. Both projects are expected to be completed before December.

Finally on the personnel side, we had to let go one of the three new hires we had in August. I also have another employee who has given his notice to move to Tennessee. We have advertised and will be holding interviews on Thursday, November 7, 2013. We hopefully will be back to full strength shortly. I still have two employees out on medical. One should be back this week and the second will hopefully be back before December.

Respectfully submitted by,

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